

Fwd: Riding update re: the convoy

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This is very interesting and worrying feedback.

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Hi Chrystia,

I hope all is well under very challenging circumstances. I wanted to give you a quick update on the riding response to what is transpiring in Ottawa and Windsor.

First, given your national profile, we have received hundreds of emails from across the country in support of what is taking place. It is clear that the convoy has unleashed a pent-up anger and frustration across the country. The inflow of messages has been relentless and I would say, on the whole, they express a vitriol unlike any I have seen since I started in May of 2020.

Second, within University-Rosedale, there have been **six** emails from constituents expressing solidarity with the movement (three being more pro-protest, three supporting the end to mandates but not necessarily the means). On the other hand, there have been **twenty** emails demanding the government to do more and sharing their own anger and disappointment at what they perceive to be a very weak response on our part. Common themes include: fear for our collective safety; the collapse of the rule of law; an international embarrassment; and that inaction emboldens the extremist elements in the protest. I will add too that almost everyone who reached out identified themselves as a supporter of you and of our government's overall response to the pandemic. Our attempts to explain the complexities of the situation have largely been seen as an attempt to shirk responsibility. Finally, there is a growing strain among these same demographic of constituents calling for some kind of compromise to avoid further dividing the country.

Let me know if you have any questions.

With gratitude.



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